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SUBJ: AMSPECS MINKEL AND THIESENHUSEN

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1. AMSPECS PARTICIPATED AS TEAM IN HALF-DAY SEMINAR AT NATIONAL OFFICE FOR EVALUATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ONERN) APRIL 13 AND FOR FULL DAY AT PERUVIAN NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (CAEM) APRIL 14.

2. ONERN SEMINAR DEALT WITH PROBLEM FOOD PRODUCTION IN LATIN AMERICA, THIESENHUSEN SPEAKING ON "PRESENT SITUATION OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN LATIN AMERICA", MINKEL ON "NATURAL RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY IN FOOD PRODUCTION", FOLLOWED BY GENERAL DISCUSSION. SEMINAR ATTENDED BY ABOUT 40 HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE, ECONOMY AND FOOD, NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE, AGRARIAN REFORM CENTER, AGRARIAN BANK, STATE CORPORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSORS FROM AGRARIAN AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES. PRESENTATIONS
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BOTH AMSPECS WELL-RECEIVED, THOUGH MINKEL'S A BIT

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GENERAL FOR HIGH-LEVEL AUDIENCE. HE WAS HANDICAPPED
BECAUSE NEVER RECEIVED DETAILED LIST OF POINTS
ONERN WISHED HIM COVER, SENT WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA
MARCH 9 IN LIMA 2301, AND DID NOT BRING WITH HIM
MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR PREPARING SPECIALIZED
PRESENTATION. SPANISH OF BOTH COMPLETELY ADEQUATE.
MINKEL REPORTED HE HAD DIFFICULTY SEPARATING SPANISH
FROM PORTUGUESE AT FIRST STOP BUT PROBLEM RESOLVED
BY TIME HE REACHED LIMA.

3. DAY AT CAEM GREAT SUCCESS BOTH FROM VIEWPOINT
AMSPECS AND CAEM PARTICIPANTS. GENERAL THEME FORMAL
PRESENTATIONS WAS THE POPULATION AND FOOD PROBLEM,
MINKEL DISCUSSING IT FROM GEOGRAPHER'S VIEWPOINT AND
THIESENHUSEN FROM AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST'S. AFTERNOON
DEVOTED TO QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WITH
AMSPECS SITTING AS PANEL ANSWERING SOME 40 QUESTIONS
PREVIOUSLY PREPARED BY PARTICIPANTS FROM AMSPECS'
CURRICULA. SESSION GENERATED SO MUCH INTEREST
CONTINUED FOR HOUR AND HALF PAST NORMAL CLOSING TIME.

4. ADDITION ABOVE TEAM PROGRAMMING, MINKEL LECTURED
TO ABOUT 25 GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS FROM
UNIVERSITY OF SAN MARCOS ON "INTERRELATIONSHIP OF
GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH TO OTHER DISCIPLINES" AT
LIMA BINATIONAL CENTER EVENING APRIL 12, AND VISITED
PERUVIAN GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY MORNING APRIL 15, WHERE
MADE CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

5. POST CONSIDERS AMSPECS' VISIT EFFECTIVE AND WOULD
WELCOME OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM THEM AGAIN.
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